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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S PROMPT, CAREFUL AND EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS OF LEGATT OFFICE WORKLOAD AND OPERATIONS. DETAILED CONSIDERATION HERE OF ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST CLOSURE PRODUCED CONCLUSION THAT THE STAFF SHOULD REMAIN RESIDENT AT BERN FOR THE PRESENT, PENDING ANOTHER THOROUGH ASSESSMENT OF NEED FOR THE OFFICE AT TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL MODE REVIEW, WHICH SHOULD BEGIN ABOUT MAY 1977.

2. FBI REPRESENTATIVES HAVE EMPHASIZED THEY EXPECT LEGATT TO KEEP COM FULLY INFORMED OF HIS ACTIVITIES; THEY WILL INITIATE ACTION TO CLOSE OFFICE IF ITS CASELOAD DROPS BELOW MINIMUM POINT (IN TERMS OF VOLUME AND COMPLEXITY)

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JUSTIFYING RESIDENT STAFF. SINCE EFFECTS OF JUDICIAL

ASSISTANCE TREATY ON OFFICE WORKLOAD REMAIN TO BE SEEN,
BELIEVE COM SHOULD CONTINUE CLOSE INTEREST IN AND ATTENTION
TO UNIT'S OPERATIONS. EVIDENCE THAT STAFF IS UNDER-OCCUP-
IED SHOULD BE REPORTED, SINCE FBI DESIRES TO MAKE MAXIMUM
USE OF THE LIMITED NUMBER OF OVERSEAS POSITIONS AND
PERSONNEL AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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